

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A commercial candidate section detector detects a commercial candidate section on the basis of a quiet section and a scene change point. A commercial characteristic quantity detector judges whether  
5 the commercial candidate section has various characteristics of commercials, and adds a predetermined value to an commercial characteristic value on the basis of the judgment result. The commercial characteristic quantity detector compares the final  
10 commercial characteristic value with a predetermined threshold value, and judges on the basis of the comparison result whether the commercial candidate section is a commercial section.

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